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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJECT: KUWAITI ARMS PURCHASES

REF.: KUWAIT 2046

1. DEP ASST SECY SOBER'S RECOLLECTION OF MENTION OF  
POSSIBLE SALE OF CHIEFTAIN TANKS TO KUWAIT DURING US-UK  
TALKS IN LONDON LAST MONTH DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM REPORT IN  
REFTEL. WHEN U.K. SIDE BROUGHT UP THEIR CONTINUING  
NEGOTIATIONS, SOBER RESPONDED THAT WE WERE NOT OURSELVES  
SEEKING TO SELL TANKS IN KUWAIT AND IN FACT OUR OWN  
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AVAILABILITY OF NEW TANKS WILL BE LIMITED FOR SOME TIME.

INTENT WAS TO LET U.K. KNOW WE WERE NOT IN COMPETITION  
ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT. SOBER DID NOT, HOWEVER, STATE  
THAT USG ACTUALLY "SUPPORTED" GOK PURCHASE OF CHIEFTAIN.  
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